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TAGS: PINT, U.K. (N.I.)

SUBJECT: PRESS ATTENTION TO LONDONDERRY NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS  
STATION

1. BELFAST NEWS LETTER JAN. 21 CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT  
PAGE FIVE UNDER HEAD QUOTE USA KEEPS "RADIO SILENCE"  
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QUOTE:

THE USA AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO COMMENT YESTERDAY  
ON A REPORT THAT THE TOP SECRET UNITED STATES  
NAVY RADIO BASE IN LONDONDERRY WAS TO CLOSE  
WITHIN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS.

THE CLAIM IS THAT THE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT  
IS TO BE MOVED TO NORTH SCOTLAND.

A SPOKESMAN SAID: "EVEN IF SUCH A MOVE WERE  
CONTEMPLATED IT WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED PUBLICLY  
BEFOREHAND."

THE BIG RADIO COMPLEX AT ROSSDOWNNEY, LONDONDERRY  
PROVIDES A LINK BETWEEN THE PENTAGON AND THE  
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AMERICAN 2ND FLEET IN THE ATLANTIC.

IT IS ALSO PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE ANTI-SUBMARINE  
WARFARE NETWORK WHICH LINKS SUBMERGED POLARIS  
SUBMARINES BY RADIO.

FURTHERMORE, THE "HOT LINE" LINK BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW IS REPORTED TO BE ROUTED  
VIA THE CO. DERRY RADIO INSTALLATION.

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ANOTHER ARTICLE EXPECTED APPEAR BELFAST EVENING TELEGRAPH.

2. NAVAL STATION AND CONGEN NOT RPT NOT COMMENTING ON  
ARTICLE. CONGEN NOTES FACILITY WAS AMONG TARGETS IN  
HOSTILE ARTICLE IN BRONX PUBLICATION "IRISH PEOPLE"  
JANUARY 10 ALLEGING VARIOUS CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES ON  
PART USG AGENCIES.

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